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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DRINAN'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA IN AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION

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1. AS OF MID-MORNING NOVEMBER 5, UK EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS ON HANDLING OF VISIT. UK EMBOFF EXPECTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL SHORTLY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT PROBABLY HIS EMBASSY WILL BE TOLD TO GIVE LORD AVEBURY SUPPORT UNDER SAME CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL FOR CONGRESSMAN DRINAN. BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT LORD AVEBURY ALSO ARRIVING MORNING NOVEMBER 6. AS SOON AS UK EMBASSY RECEIVES ITS INSTRUCTIONS WE WILL CONSULT. IF INSTRUCTIONS ARE COMPATIBLE, WE PROPOSE ANOTHER JOINT APPROACH TO FONMINISTRY TO CONVEY OUR POSITION AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF MINISTRY IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH GOA OFFICIALS. WE WILL PROVEED WITH ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH NON-GOA PARTIES SUCH AS DR. RESNIZKY OF DAIA, COORDINATING WITH BRITISH AND LORD AVEBURY TO EXTENT DESIRED BY CONGRESSMAN DRINAN.

2. MISS FEENEY TOLD UK EMBASSY MONRING NOVEMBER 5 THAT SHE HAD RECOMMENDED "DEFERENT" OF VISIT TO AI LONDON, BUT WAS TOLD THAT DELEGATION WILL COME IN ANY EVENT. WE HAVE NOT FULLY CONSIDERED PROBLEM OF MISS FEENEY HERSELF. SHE HAS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON CALLS AND TO ACT AS INTERPRETER. THIS
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WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM WITH NON-GOA CONTACTS, BUT WE WILL

STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO UK EMBASSY AND TO CONGRESSMAN DRINAN THAT SHE NOT ACCOMPANY ON ANY CALLS WHICH MIGHT BE ARRANGED WITH GOA OFFICIALS, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. WE CAN SUGGEST THAT GOA PROVIDE INTERPRETER WHERE NECESSARY, OR EMBOFFS CAN INTERPRET.

3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT CONGRESSMAN DRINAN'S CLERICAL GARB WILL CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES.
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